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Mayor's Update



Bruce Kennedy

It has been a busy three months since the last Village Bulletin came out. We ended the beach season with a couple of great events, went through a national election, survived Super Storm Sandy, and saw Halloween and Thanksgiving come and go.

Of course Sandy was the biggest news because it hit so close to home. As I have stated previously, I am extremely proud of our Village staff in that we were well prepared and responded admirably to the aftermath. Everyone stepped up to the call of duty and we worked together as a true team – Team Sea Cliff, as I call it. Once again, I would like to thank the Department of Public Works, the Village Hall staff, and our volunteer Fire Department for their hard work and commitment to the service of our residents. There were many lessons learned from Sandy and the winter storm that followed that the Board of Trustees and I will be reviewing in the months ahead

in order to be even better prepared for future climatic events.

The Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board have been dealing with more applications than usual. Several applicants have presented requests for subdivisions. A subdivision application is one in which a property owner requests to divide what is presently a single buildable lot into two or more buildable lots, usually for the purpose of development.

Subdivisions are permitted in Sea Cliff (subject to site plan review by the Planning Board) so long as they fulfill the requirements of our zoning laws. These zoning laws include minimum lot size require-

ments, minimum front property line requirements (street frontage), and more. Should a proposed subdivision not meet the zoning requirements, the applicants require a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals prior to moving on to the Planning Board. Subdivision applications tend to be highly emotional in that the applicant is usually looking to maximize their property's profit potential while neighbors fear a reduction in their property values due to possible overdevelopment of the neighborhood. It is important for all parties involved to acknowledge that none of the Board members created the application but they are required to review the application in a manner pre-

scribed by law. Please recognize that all our Board members are our neighbors who volunteer their time and talent in order to serve the community and should be treated with regard and respect.

As we enter the holiday season, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, and offer you and yours warm and heartfelt New Year wishes for 2013. Please keep in your hearts and minds those that are less fortunate and take the opportunity to be of service to your fellow man.

Newcomers Gathering

On October 14 Sea Cliff Civic Association hosted the annual Newcomers Party at the home of Civic Association President Ann DiPietro. The

Civic Association welcomed about 35 couples who moved into Sea Cliff during 2011-2012. Members of the Civic Association, Mayor Bruce

Kennedy, Trustee Carol Vogt and Sea Cliff Librarian Arlene Nevens welcomed the couples and told them about various aspects of the Village.



Newcomers 2012 Photo by Carol Griffin

Sanitation Holiday Schedule

December, January, February 2012-2013

Christmas Day observed on Tuesday, December 25, 2012

Tuesday's garbage pick-up moves to Wednesday. There is no recycling pick-up in a holiday week. Thursday and Friday's pick-up remain the same. The Recycling Center will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of that week.

New Years Day observed Tuesday, January 1, 2013

Tuesday's garbage pick-up moves to Wednesday. There is no recycling pick-up in a holiday week. Thursday and

Friday's pick-up remain the same. The Recycling Center will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of that week.

Martin Luther King Day observed Monday, January 21, 2013

Normal Sanitation Schedule – No Change
There will be Recycling Pick Up on Wednesday

Presidents Day observed Monday, February 18, 2013

Normal Sanitation Schedule – No Change
There will be Recycling Pick Up on Wednesday

Leaf Collection

Leaves need to be placed curbside in clear plastic bags for collection.
Leaf Collection will end on December 21.



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Village Taxes Due

by Marianne Lennon, Collector of Taxes

Second half Village tax payments are due December 1, 2012 through January 2, 2013. Tax bills are not sent again for the second half taxes. If needed, a copy of your tax bill may be obtained from Village Hall. Taxes may be paid by mail or at the office of the Village Clerk every Tuesday thru Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. excepting Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays or such other times the Village Hall offices are closed. Office hours on Mondays are from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for public convenience.

When Penalties Apply

On all second half taxes paid on or before January 2, 2013, no penalty or interest will be charged. If paid after January 2, 2013, interest will be added monthly or for any fraction thereof until paid at the current rate in effect, as set by the State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, as prescribed in subdivision 2 of Section 924-a of the N.Y.S. Real Property Tax Law.



Waves flood the point at Tappen Beach at 12 noon high tide during Hurricane Sandy. Photo by Carol Griffin

Hurricane Sandy and Hempstead Harbor

by Eric Swenson, Executive Director of the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee

Hurricanes can have a long-lasting impact on waterfront communities. The infamous 1938 hurricane destroyed, among other things, Sea Cliff's famous boardwalk that ran from Rum Point to Dock Hill. It took almost six decades for a portion of it to be rebuilt.

While the impacts of Hurricane Sandy are still coming into focus as of this writing (November 14th), it appears that Mother Nature was kinder to Hempstead Harbor than other areas on Long Island (primarily the south shore). That is not to say that this storm did not do damage or to minimize it in any way. This was the worst storm to hit the area since that 1938 event.

Fortunately, the Sea Cliff Boardwalk and newly-renovated Beach Pavilion appear to have been spared and in fact, the storm, living up to its name, brought more sand to Sea Cliff Beach. Nevertheless, some of the homes along Henry Hollman Boulevard as well as at least one home on Laurel Avenue experienced flooding due

to salt water rising during the first two high tide surges. In addition, the construction on the Sea Isle property in Glen Cove Creek was flooded over and the footings covered with mud.

Salt water also flowed into fresh water Scudder's Pond by backing up through the discharge pipes from the weir as well as by flowing over the road and into the pond. The extent of damage from the salt to this pond's vegetation and wildlife, as well as flooded lawns, remain to be seen. A large number of trees also came down at the Garvies Point Preserve.

This is a far cry from the 100 or so homes that burned to the ground in Breezy Point, Queens or the raw sewage backing up into people's homes or neighborhoods, such as Lindenhurst, where home heating oil and gasoline are in the streets and basements of homes. The damaged Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant continues to discharge 65 million gallons of partially treated sewage daily into a waterway

north of Long Beach and it may take six months or more to repair. However, the Glen Cove Wastewater Treatment Plant appears to have survived intact.

If you had salt water encroach upon your lawn or garden areas, depending upon the extent of the exposure, it may be too late to save your plants but for the health of your soil and future plants, the Nassau County Cooperative Extension recommends that you repeatedly water the area to leach out the salt and spread gypsum over the soil. The salt will react chemically with the gypsum forming sodium sulfate, which will enable it to wash through the soil, leaving harmless calcium in its place.

If you have unearthed trees, it may be possible to re-set them if they are not too large to handle. Keep the roots moist until you are able to reset them and then replant them and pack the soil firmly. Finally, stake them with three stakes for about a year until the roots firmly take hold.



Major branch breaks off on a front lawn on Carpenter Avenue. Photo by Carol Griffin

Emergency Management

by John A. Mirando, Village Administrator/Director of Public Works

Many people view emergency management as action that takes place during an event like the recent super storm, Sandy. It is viewed as an activity that takes place just during the event. In actuality Emergency Management is a continuous process. It is an ongoing cycle of Mitigation – Preparation – Response – Recovery – Mitigation.

Emergencies covered by Emergency Management can be as small and simple as a snow storm and managed solely by Village personnel or they can be as large as Sandy and involve multiple jurisdictions and agencies, both public and private. Let's take you through Sandy and review how the ongoing cycle was reflected in how we managed the event here in Sea Cliff.

A Village the size of Sea Cliff could not act alone and survive an emergency of this magnitude. The Village is part of the Nassau County Emergency Operations Plan, which allows for us to have access to all county and town assets. We operate through the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management (OEM). During an event like Sandy there is a special number set up through which all

Villages have access to OEM. When the needs of a response exceed the Village's resources, we contact the OEM and report our needs and then it assigns us the additional resources on a priority basis.

Initial mitigation involves proper protection of Village assets such as our parks, drainage system, roadways, structures and fire and DPW equipment. Initial mitigation also includes ensuring building codes are followed to protect residents' assets from disasters thereby reducing destruction of their property.

Preparation includes ongoing activities even while there is not a disaster on the horizon. Those activities include the proper training of our DPW employees, Village Hall Staff and Volunteer Firefighters and Medical personnel; routine maintenance on our emergency generators at the Village yard and firehouse so we can operate during a power failure; maintaining emergency phone numbers to appropriate people from other agencies, jurisdictions and private entities, like OEM, the Town of Oyster Bay, the City of Glen Cove, New York American Water, LIPA and pri-

vate contractors who might assist us during an event.

Then there is the preparation in the face of Sandy heading our way. This involves securing Village property that might be damaged, as an example sand bagging the beach pavilion and removing the shade sail; topping off all vehicles with fuel and ordering a pre-storm fuel delivery, servicing all chain saws, payloaders and bobcats; checking all communication equipment, radios, phones and internet connections; assuring all personnel are available; and lining up contractors, such as tree removal services, to assist us when the storm hits.

Response during the event is limited to life and death emergencies. At this point the number one priority is to protect our first responders from unnecessary risk. DPW assisted the Fire Department during the storm by clearing only those roads where a true emergency existed and access by the Fire Department was hindered by trees blocking roads. During this response Village staff is busy handling phone calls, taking reports of trees down and roads blocked. Calls about

wires burning or a person in need of medical attention are directed to 911 for Fire Department response.

Recovery is typically the longest part of the process, particularly after an event the size of Sandy. While the initial recovery seems chaotic, there is a structured approach. After an initial assessment of damages is complete, the first priority is to clear main access roads so that emergency vehicles can have access in event of fire or medical emergencies. Next, side roads are cleared. This clearing is complicated when wires and utility poles are involved. Even a cable wire can be live if it is crossing over a live power line. The quicker DPW and our tree contractor can clear the roads of trees the quicker the power company can come in and restore power. During recovery, Village staff continuously forward outage data to LIPA and OEM so they can better assess where LIPA crews are needed.

One of the largest tasks of recovery is debris removal. Debris removal in this case includes damaged furnishings from flood water, spoiled food due to refrigerators not operat-

ing without power and trees and limbs which came down in the storm. As of this writing the Village has already removed nearly 150 tons of tree debris. In terms of food waste we typically pick up about 50 tons a week of household garbage; on the Thursday and Friday after Sandy our sanitation department picked up 75 tons of household waste in just 2 days.

During recovery, equipment wears down and needs additional repair. As you can imagine, the cost of recovery can be significant. Part of recovery, therefore, is tracking the cost. The Village has already applied to FEMA for cost recovery. This is a long process; recently the Village received a \$44,000 reimbursement for Hurricane Irene. The cost for Sandy will be more significant.

That brings us back to mitigation. The Village as well as other agencies will look at those assets that were vulnerable during Sandy and prepare cost effective plans to reduce future damage and loss should we have another disaster of this magnitude.

Volunteer Fair - January 15, 2013 at the Creative Arts Studio

by Karen Montagnese, Sea Cliff Senior Outreach, LMSW



Karen Montagnese
Sea Cliff Senior Outreach
Photo by Barbara Murray

Sea Cliff is a community of volunteers. Volunteerism is an ethic entrenched in our Village. Hours of valuable time are donated to local schools, churches, Village committees and charities without any expectation of payment. These activities are

done with the objective of helping others; however, there is also a common wisdom that those who give of themselves also receive. **The Health Benefits of Volunteering: A Review of Recent Research**, written by the Corporation for National and Community Service, examines the growing body of research that indicates volunteering provides individual health and social benefits. This research has established a strong relationship between volunteering and health: those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability, and lower rates of depression later in life than those who do not volunteer. Researchers have measured the benefits that volunteers re-

ceive, including the positive feeling referred to as "helper's high," increased trust in others, and increased social and political participation.

Sea Cliff's volunteerism was clearly evident in the wake of Superstorm Sandy. I am proud to be part of the Village's support network. I received generous calls from community members who wanted to help and witnessed our Mayor and Village employees set up a valuable command center at our Department of Public Works. The outpouring of concern was touching and included clothing and food drives as well as offerings of warm shelter. Bravo to all!!!

Our Senior Survey provided me with a list of seniors who

wanted to be contacted in the event of an emergency and I did my best to connect with these folks. Please, if you would like to be added to the list, call Senior Outreach at Village Hall. The Survey identified not only the frail or vulnerable but also those who are more active and would like more social and cultural programs.

To address our seniors' continuum of needs we are holding a **VOLUNTEER FAIR** on **January 15th at The Creative Arts Studio at 256 Sea Cliff Avenue, from 1-3 p.m. and from 7-8 p.m.** We want to strengthen, expand, coordinate and formalize our volunteer network. Whether you want to provide occasional transportation, facilitate an art class or a

current event discussion, be a friendly visitor, help on a phone chain, or share expert advice on a topic of your choice, we want to work with you! Everyone has something to offer. Come and join us as we brain storm together and build a unified network of effective volunteers.

VOLUNTEER FAIR January 15th 1-3 P.M. and 7-8 P.M. 256 Sea Cliff Avenue Karen Montagnese, Sea Cliff Senior Outreach 671-0080 x20, in partnership with Tracey Arnold Warzer, Director, The Creative Arts Studio 671-1000. Feel free to contact us for additional information

Memorable Sea Cliff Residents Joan Ajamian

by Margie Malone

Joan Ajamian was a woman who accomplished things with quiet grace. She never sought the limelight, yet her work for Village organizations was recognized in 2009 when she received the Whitecap Award. More on her accomplishments later. Right now, Joan the person.

At her funeral service, people were asked to speak about the kind of person she was. She was recognized as a good neighbor...a good friend...possessing a special smile. Over and over, people touted her joy as a hostess. Her kitchen was a gather-

ing place as she prepared a holiday roast. She could be in the center of the festivities and still remember how often to baste the meat. That's a talent not too many people possess, but cooking and company were two of her favorite things.

Another of her favorite things was her weakness...QVC, the TV shopping network. Perhaps because she didn't drive, she was addicted to it. Many attractive accessories and holiday decorations that adorned her beautifully decorated home were finds on QVC.

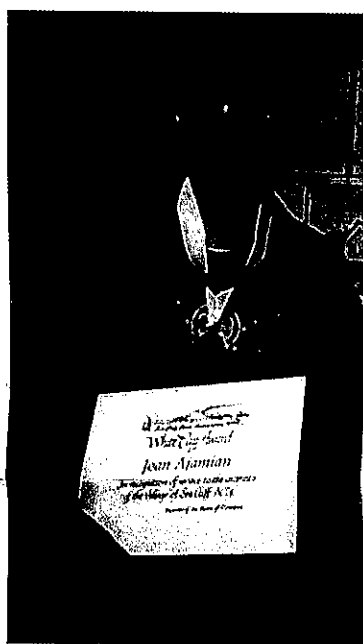
As a worker, Joan was most

deserving of the Whitecap Award, the Village's highest. She helped establish Mutual Concerns, which has helped seniors and those in need for years. Because of the work of the organization, no families go unnoticed all year round, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas. She also worked as a board member of Sea Cliff's United Methodist Church and the Salvation Army Nassau County Women's Division.

As a devoted Girl Scout leader, she led her troop of scouts and mothers to Washington, D.C. As a mother on

the trip, I can testify that she didn't let us rest until we had seen every monument, statue, building, and place of interest in that great city. She believed that for many, it might be their only trip to the nation's capital and, weary though we were, she was right.

Certainly, her husband Hap, her children Jim and Mandy, and grandchildren Patrick and Megan will miss her dearly. All of us share the loss of someone who quietly enriched the lives of her neighbors and friends in Sea Cliff.



Joan Ajamian
Photo by Carol Griffin

Henry Hollman (1916-2005)

by Phil Como



Henry Hollman

A virtual lifelong resident of Sea Cliff, Henry Hollman was one of our truly remarkable treasures. At his passing in 2005, the large Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Roslyn

was standing-room only—quite a testimonial to a man in his late eighties.

Like so many of his contemporaries, Henry came of age under difficult circumstances. Graduating from Sea Cliff High School in 1934, into the teeth of the Great Depression, Henry nonetheless began his journey through life with a noticeably upbeat attitude and a tremendous curiosity about what made things work. Eventually, this curiosity—coupled with his great intelligence—enabled Henry to pioneer in the development of dental and breast X-Ray technology, an achievement from which all of us benefit to this day.

Following his 1940 marriage to Marguerite and his service in World War II, Henry began his professional career in earnest, as a salesman, marketer, and inventor—eventually serving as president of his own company.

Along the way, Henry built a

great resume of service to his fellow man. Among his many achievements, he was a member of the American Legion; along with John Burns, he headed the committee that organized Sea Cliff's annual Memorial Day Parade. He served on the Board of The Melillo Mental Health Organization, and as a vital member of the Vestry at Trinity Church.

For many years, Henry was a member of North Shore Kiwanis and his efforts were recognized on many occasions.

When most men reach retirement age, they begin to phase down professional and service activities. To the contrary, Henry moved to a higher gear. Serving as Commodore of the Sea Cliff Yacht Club, Henry also served as a Village trustee and was selected to serve as our first Village administrator, a virtual full-time position in which he solved a multitude of resident problems.

In his eighties, he and Marguerite continued to offer great

service to the Salvation Army, earning Couple of the Year honors—and were honored by hundreds at a Nassau County testimonial.

Late in his life, Henry became an important component of the revitalization of our boardwalk and was one of the major organizers of our Ambulance Fund Commemorative Garden.

Henry Hollman touched so many people through so many activities over so many years; it is little wonder that years after his passing many of us still look for our great friend riding his familiar moped through our streets. Particularly at Christmas time, his friends in Village Hall still remember the ingenious gifts, crafted from his hands, that he would bestow on them.

We remember Henry Hollman with respect and love. His life was a great gift to the rest of us.

Hanukkah Happening

Come join us for the Hanukkah Happening on Thursday, December 13 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Sea Cliff Firehouse. There will be activities for the kids, yummy Hanukkah food and lighting of the Menorah to celebrate the holiday. Please bring your menorahs and candles and if you are able to make latkes for the event, we would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Karen Kessler at karenkessler@me.com if you want to help or make latkes. Look forward to seeing you there!

The Trees of Sea Cliff Reducing Storm Damage from Trees

by Russell Gorog

After storms such as Sandy and the nor'easter, Athena, in November, we are all very aware of the damage that falling trees and branches can do. The Sea Cliff Village Department of Public Works (DPW) has been removing diseased, dying and dead trees throughout 2012, and will continue to prune or remove any park or street tree that falls into that category. The Village is constantly on the lookout for trees that need attention, so please contact the DPW or Village Hall if you notice anything that appears problematic. In a coordinated effort to make our trees safe, the Village recommends that all Sea Cliff homeowners examine the trees on their property, and if necessary, seek professional tree advice from a certified arborist and secure the services of a licensed tree pruning/removal company.

One of the biggest problems with storms is the way in which they can weaken trees, create defects that might not be obvious, and make otherwise healthy trees vulnerable to future storm events. Arborists have advised that it is important for homeowners to look for the following danger signs in their trees:

- Broken and hanging limbs in the tree crowns (tops of trees).
- Leaning trees and lifted soil at the base of trees.
- Cracks and signs of exposed "new wood" anywhere in the tree trunk or crown – these will weather to a gray color after some time and become less obvious.
- Large wounds from lost limbs – especially where other large limbs are attached.
- Severely unbalanced crowns due to limb loss.

The way to reduce tree damage during a storm is to take preventative measures long before foul weather arrives. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, the following recommendations for pruning trees will help them grow stronger and become more resistant to damage:

- Encourage good tree branch angles. For most deciduous trees (trees that lose their leaves in the fall), narrow angles between two branches signal a point of future weakness. A good rule of thumb for many deciduous trees is to keep the angles at 10 o'clock or 2 o'clock.
- Encourage strong branch/trunk size relationship. Ideally, lat-

eral (side) branches should be no more than ½ to ¾ the diameter of the trunk.

- Maintain a stable center of gravity. The center of gravity for a tree should be over the trunk. Remove branches on the leaning side and encourage branch growth on the opposite side.
- Remove rubbing branches, suckers, and water sprouts.
- Don't cut branches back to stubs. Long, natural limbs on a tree are strong and can withstand storm-like conditions. If a branch needs to be removed, cut it back to the main branch or to the tree's trunk.

While it may appear that there are many large trees in our Village, the reality is that we are losing more and more of them to age, disease, stressful conditions, growth of human habitat, and more frequent, violent storms. Property damage and power outages make our trees seem like potential enemies instead of the magnificent works of nature that they are. Please help take care of them so that future generations of Sea Cliff families can thrive in the beautiful environment that our Village has enjoyed for decades.

The Library in Winter

by Camille Purcell, Assistant Library Director

The Sea Cliff Library in winter is a comfortable spot to visit when the weather turns cold. We provide the latest titles in print and audio format for our patrons. Our DVDs continue to provide countless hours of enjoyment for all members of the Village and our selection of databases are available for all to use from the comfort of your home. Don't forget our downloadable selection of titles when searching for items for your tablets and smartphones.

The library is continually updating and improving its services for the benefit of all community members. Our museum passes to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Children's Museum of Long Island

continue to be popular with families. We have added the Museum of Modern Art and the Intrepid thanks to the financial assistance of the Friends of the Library. The Children's Library provides high-quality book discussions for children from kindergarten through fifth grade. Programs in both the children and adult locations seek to entertain as well as inform our patrons. Our young adult section offers the latest in titles/series selection while pursuing programs that address the needs and interests of the teen population.

So stop in and see what we are all about. Remember, when the weather outside is frightful, your library is quite delightful!

Annual Mutual Concerns Christmas Dinner Come Meet Neighbors and Join the Spirit of the Season!

The Mutual Concerns Committee together with Sherlock Homes Realty is sponsoring the 18th Annual Christmas Dinner, which will again be held on Christmas day from noon to 2 p.m. at the Sea Cliff United Methodist Church on Downing and Carpenter Avenues.

Terry Sciubba of Sherlock Homes started this dinner 18 years ago so that people who didn't have family nearby could enjoy a wonderful holiday dinner with friends and neighbors.

Through the years, more and more people have joined this festive occasion. They look forward to this dinner and entertainment every Christmas. It has become a wonderful holiday tradition.

All are welcome. We encourage, but do not require reservations. We will provide transportation if needed. For reservations, please call Sherlock Homes Realty at 516-671-1717 and be sure to let them know if you need transportation.



Hurricane Sandy's affect on Barberry Lane. Photo by Drew Lawrence



Branches fall on Clinton Street. Photo by Drew Lawrence



Storm damaged tree caused by Hurricane Sandy.

Photo by Drew Lawrence



The Beautification Committee members gathered at their annual luncheon held at Bailey Arboretum are (l-r) Marge Crowley, Estelle Moore, Sally Davies, Laura Cavanagh, Peggy Costello, Rita Johnston and Lilli Scott. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



Members of St. Luke's Church at Mini Mart. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



Donna and Rich Barrett selling beautiful jewelry at their Mini Mart table. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



Do you know any of these friendly witches who spent the afternoon at the Children's Library? *Photo by Ann DiPietro*



Good friends enjoy a good book together at the Children's Library. *Photo by Ann DiPietro*



Neither rain, sleet, snow nor the winds of Hurricane Sandy can dampen the spirits of these Halloween partygoers at the Children's Library. *Photo by Sarah Ellis*



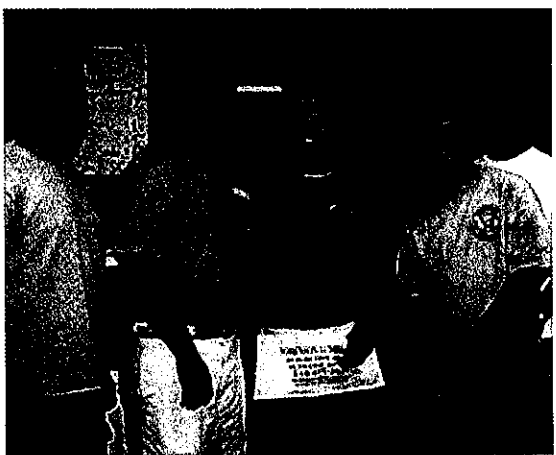
Sea Cliff/Glen Head Lions Club preparing food at Mini Mart. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



(l-r) Lisa Spina, Henry Knerim, Debbie Pierce and Jeanette Heurtley work the Country Kitchen at the St. Luke's Bazaar. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



In June Sea Cliff School celebrated the 100th anniversary of its opening. Students from each decade were represented in this photo to mark this special event. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



The fire department bartenders at Music on the Harbor held at the firehouse. (l-r) Rich Boehm, Andy Davies, 2nd Asst. Chief Bullet Longobucco, Sean O'Donnell, John Ciampi, John Hesse and Lloyd Ninesling. *Photo by Carol Griffin*



The destruction caused by Hurricane Sandy. *Photo by Drew Lawrence*



Family Book Night at the Children's Library brings everyone together to celebrate Thanksgiving with a good book and a delicious dinner! *Photo by Ann DiPietro*

The Ice Years

by Priscilla Waltz and Jean Davis, Village Historians

In the 1920's, 1930's, 1940's, the harbor often froze over with a thick layer that was rough and bubbly. Some years you could even walk out to the bell buoy. The channel was kept open for the tugboats to take barges filled with coal to Long Island Lighting in Glenwood Landing. This fuel kept us warm and gave us electricity for the winter months.

The sand and gravel plant also worked all winter shipping to New York City for construction. Every few years the ice breaker was needed to carve a path for the tugs. Of course the ice was a dare for many young men to drive a car across the ice field. We don't remember any accidents but maybe one of you will.

Another thrilling sport for the high school age men was to jump the floating ice cakes when the thaw began. A few

times they had to be rescued if the wind and tide carried them out to sea but this was rare.

At the beginning of the 1900's the weather was much colder and the racing ice boats were the fad. Each person made his own boat and slid along on the ice on two blades. These made it possible to go a good distance and one could look back and see all the houses climbing up the cliffs. Spectators would walk out on the ice and watch the races. We think people were much harder in those days and had more time to enjoy the outside, whatever the temperature. They really enjoyed Sea Cliff all year round.

By the way, in our research we could not find any material about ice fishing. If you have any information about it occurring in Sea Cliff, please contact us through Village Hall.



(l-r) Priscilla Waltz and Jean Davis, Village Historians

North Shore Middle School Students Donate to Mutual Concerns

A group of concerned North Shore Middle School students led by English teacher, Susan Ring, volunteered to deliver food to the Mutual Concerns pantry at the Sea Cliff Village

Hall just in time for Thanksgiving. The middle school conducted a huge food drive to help various organizations throughout Long Island that help those in need.



(l-r) Olivia Sasso, Alexandra Reiner, Christina Green, Kyle Knoell delivering food to Mutual Concerns.

Photo by Peggie Como

Sea Cliff Senior Action

by Jean Stratford

The Sea Cliff Senior Action Committee would like to thank the following Sea Cliff residents who drove their neighbors to medical appointments in 2012. For three months we had a need for 24 drivers a month. Thank you to: Ann Costagliola, Phil Como, Lee

Janelli, Joyce Kaufmann, Dan and Maureen Maddock, Frank Murray, Carol Muttee, Chris Scott, Patti Smith, Jean Stratford, Kathleen Van Bloem, Gen Woods. Our apology if we have left anyone out. We appreciate all your help.

Mutual Concerns

by Peggie Como

November and December are the busiest time of year for The Mutual Concerns Committee. Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday food baskets will be delivered to those who need a helping hand, and our emergency pantry is available at any time of year for anyone who needs food. Call Peggie Como at 671-1717 if you need help.

Our 11th Annual Holiday House Tour took place on Saturday, December 1st. This is our main fund raiser for the year. It was a fun day for

everyone! Five Sea Cliff homes, decorated for the holidays, were on display. Included in the tour was a delicious lunch served at St. Luke's parish hall, where raffle prizes were available. Local restaurants and caterers along with the Atria of Glen Cove, were nice enough to donate the food for this lunch.

We are truly blessed to have such caring people in this area. Ed Lieberman of the Sea Cliff/Glen Head Lions Club was a guest bartender at the Metropolitan Bistro this summer.

The money he collected was given to Mutual Concerns. Jack Pierce from the Fire Department, along with his entire department, collected a large amount of food for our pantry. For many years, the Glen Head American Legion has helped us deliver holiday baskets, along with Frank Rudegear and the Boy Scouts. Many other organizations, schools, and individuals help us all through the year. We are so fortunate to have all these wonderful people in our community.

Veterans Day in Sea Cliff

by Carol Griffin

A plaque in remembrance of James F. Brengel, Sr. and James F. Brengel, Jr., who gave their lives in service to our country, in WWI and WWII respectively was dedicated at the Memorial Park alongside our Fire Department. The plaque is in remembrance of the father and son by the James F. Brengel American Legion Post, which is named after them. Both servicemen were also members of Sea Cliff Fire Department. There was a large turnout of veterans, Sea Cliff firefighters, public officials, and interested residents to the dedication.

The service opened with an Invocation by SCFD Chaplain Reverend Watkins of the United Methodist Church of Sea Cliff, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by former Green Beret Scott Whitting. Firefighter Ray Pierce then sang "America the Beautiful" and the Legion Post Commander Phil Como offered remarks on the Brengels and Veterans Day.

Phil Como welcomed everyone. He noted that all veterans have one thing in common, as at a certain point in their life, they put aside their personal agenda and went out and did their best for America. It has been the price paid to continue our way of life. Such was the case of James F. Brengel, Sr. in WWI, one of the eight who died of 165 veterans from Sea Cliff, said Como. Brengel had been a Sea Cliff native and outstanding young man, who had been fire department chief in 1907. His father George had been a Civil War veteran and an early member of Sea Cliff Fire Department. James Brengel's son,

an only child, never knew his father. As a sole survivor child, he was no doubt entitled to be deferred from service in WWII, but chose to serve, and lost his life in France after Normandy in 1944. He was also a Sea Cliff fireman. It is to be noted that in the early hours each Memorial Day, Sea Cliff fire chiefs dress the common grave of this father and son at St. Patrick's cemetery as a measure of respect and honor to the pair..

"It is our solemn honor here today in this beautiful place of memory to memorialize the Brengels for all time through the placement of the plaque we will unveil and turn it over to the chiefs and the Village. For today we offer our veterans our gratitude and respect for their service. And to the Brengels, thanks for their stupendous contribution to the Village and America," said Como.

Deputy Mayor Carol Vogt read the words of honor inscribed on the plaque that described the father and son.

It was also noted that we were in the presence of several WWII vets today, George Christman, Nino Luciano, Bernie McGrath, Gene Stefano and Hap Vlasak. Veteran John Kle was unable to attend. Additional veterans were present from the Korean, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and Iraq wars, as well as the ongoing campaign in Afghanistan. The veterans were recognized and thanked for their service.

Sea Cliff Mayor Bruce Kennedy then offered some words on the day. "Veterans Day finds us, once again, as a nation at war," said Kennedy. "The conflict began with a direct attack on the United

States. After ten years, the war goes on but we are safer than we were on September 11th. And we remain today as we have been for 236 years: A free people, worthy of our freedom, and determined to protect this great nation founded under God."

"Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you live and serve, the risk you face, the people you deal with every day—all of these are usually decided by someone else. For the time you spend in uniform, the interests of the nation must always come first. And those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices on their own, face separation during deployments and sometimes bear extreme and permanent loss...Every man and woman who wears America's uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor...Our cause is liberty, justice and peace... May God keep us ever grateful for their service."

U.S. Congressman Steve Israel was also invited to speak. He noted that 1% of the population does our fighting. He strongly emphasized that all Americans should support our troops and honor the fallen. He said Americans are blessed to live in this country where men and women are willing to die for our freedom. "Our veterans should be our number one priority," he said. Israel presented a book he wrote about the military to Mayor Kennedy for the Village library. Firefighter Ray Pierce closed with singing "God Bless America."



Some of the veterans at the Veterans Day commemoration.

Photo by Carol Griffin



Veterans and firemen at the Veterans Day ceremony.

Photo by Carol Griffin

Friends of the Sea Cliff Library Meetings are Friendly and Open

by Carol Poll

President of The Friends of the Sea Cliff Library

The below photo is a picture of some of the members at the October 25, 2012 meeting of The Friends of the Sea Cliff Library. Other key members of the Friends, (not in the photo) include Mark Miksic, the Vice-President of the Friends, Eileen Black, Karen Buschfrers, Pat Fox, Karen Kessler, Liz Knierim, Mimi Leipzig, Janet Swinburne and Camille Purcell, Library liaison. At this meeting we voted to provide the library with the funds for a needed digital frame, baskets for library books to be placed in local restaurants and two iPads loaded with Apps and other appealing materials. We meet monthly (except December, July & August) to plan "fun raising" and fundraising events to benefit our cherished library.

To all of us, the library is a treasure, the very term our new member, Ruth Stern, used to describe the Sea Cliff Li-

brary. Just spend fifteen minutes at the front desk of the Adult Library or the Children's Library and you will realize how treasured the library is to many different people.

The tumultuous storms Sandy and Athena, and their aftermath, further highlighted the critical role of our library in Sea Cliff. The library served as a warm, welcoming shelter with access to the Internet and a place to charge one's computer, phone and iPad. It is friendly welcoming place for all people seeking books, DVDs, CDs and just plain neighborly talk. Book recommendations are accompanied by kindly listening and neighborliness. We invite you to come to our meetings, the last Thursday in the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Join us, you will find membership forms in the library.

by Suzanne Bohn



Grace Kilfoil, owner and
hairstylist of Salon Solis.
Photo by Suzanne Bohn

A new beauty salon, Salon Solis, has opened at 324 Sea Cliff Ave. It is a small, spiritual and most welcoming space that is owned by John and Graciela (Grace) Kilfoil. Grace is a one woman show who has been doing hair for 11 years. She has worked in Florida, Salon Sorrell in Roslyn and at J. Martin Salon in Williston Park, where she met her husband.

Grace can just about do anything when it comes to beauty. In addition to uni-sex hair cuts and blow outs, she is an accomplished colorist who specializes in highlights and lowlights. She can also do Keratin Treatments and hair extensions and she enjoys creating one of a kind updos. She provides a full array of waxing services as well as eyelash extensions. Beauty products and hand-made jewelry by

her sister are also sold in the salon. To keep up-to-date, Grace regularly attends hair and product shows in Manhattan. She enjoys being an artist as well as a business owner.

Her goal is to create a family style atmosphere where all are welcome to come in, relax and leave feeling good at an affordable price. She believes that when you look good on the outside, you feel better on the inside.

Grace and John love our town and its friendliness. They would like to make roots here some day. Their salon is a family affair with John's brother-in-law working as the receptionist and shampoo person and Grace's daughter, Sophia, helping out when needed.

So stop in and meet the family at Salon Solis and let Grace work her magic on you.

Tre Sorelle Opens in Sea Cliff

by Carol Griffin



(l-r) Summer,
Lauren Butindari and Lia
Butindari Jorquera.
Photo by Carol Griffin

Sea Cliff welcomes to the community, Tre Sorelle, an Italian restaurant, at the Downing Avenue Plaza, 347 Glen Cove Avenue. The restaurant opened while much of the area had lost power after Hurricane Sandy. The three Butindari sisters, Summer, Lauren and Lia Butindari Jorquera, run Tre Sorelle, whose name means three sisters in Italian. While speaking with them, they shared that their family run business uses a lot of family recipes on their extensive menu. The space is newly designed with attractive warm wood-like colors, all renovated by

the girls' dad Larry, a contractor by trade. In the front section of the restaurant there is a pizza counter and a few tables for quick meals, and in the back there is a large dining room for dinners or a party.

Without reservation I would consider the food exceptional. There are two menus, a large take-out menu and another for the restaurant's dining room. Dining there one evening, my husband and I ordered a pizza with a crust baked just right and an ample amount of tomato sauce and cheese.

Dining in the restaurant to get warmed up during the power outage gave me and my family the opportunity to try several things from the main menu. The chicken soup, Mama's recipe,

was clear and light with ample vegetables and some pasta. My daughter enjoyed the stracciatella, Italian style. spinach egg drop soup. Not wanting a full meal at lunchtime, I ordered the mozzarella caprese salad. The mozzarella was very fresh and generous and the salad items were crisp and plentiful. A friend had the sautéed eggplant for her main course, which I tasted, and found very tasty.

Another time my daughter and I ordered the chopped salad that had lots of fresh ingredients, which we both enjoyed. My husband had the baked manicotti and he really enjoyed it. Lastly, after eating at the restaurant the other night, my son-in-law stopped by my house raving about the pappardelle Bolognese, and now I can't wait to go back to the restaurant to try it.

The staff and Butindari sisters at Tre Sorelle are very friendly and accommodating and they are really enjoying serving their customers. The quality of the food is great and the prices are moderate. If you haven't been there already, it's time to try Tre Sorelle and enjoy a delicious Italian meal.



Back row: (l-r) Catherine Pickering, Wendy D'Avino, Carol Poll, Carol Quenon, Pam Levin, Front Row: (l-r) Peggy Brucia, Carole Berglie, Ann Weickert and Sara Jones.

Photo by Camille Purcell



Welcome Marjorie Ruth O'Connor, Sea Cliff's New Acupuncturist

by Dan Maddock

Marjorie Ruth O'Connor recently opened her new office at 223 Sea Cliff Avenue, next door to Partners. There, she'll practice as a Licensed Acupuncturist, Certified Watsu Practitioner (Water Dance/Water Release Therapy) and Licensed Social Worker. Appointments can be made by calling: 516-353-9376. Marjorie will be offering special "Welcome Discounts" to new clients as well as special discounts to all seniors. To celebrate the opening, the office will have a special display of the photogra-

phy of Michael Koral.

Marjorie brings exceptional credentials to her profession. After spending most of her younger years in California, she returned to the east coast to earn a B.A. at Boston College, obtain a Master's in Social Work at Columbia University and a Masters in Acupuncture at the Tri-State College of Acupuncture in New York City. She has been a Social Worker and volunteer at Rosie's Place homeless shelter in Boston, Florence Crittenton Services for pregnant moms

from foster care in San Francisco, Sanctuary for Families domestic violence shelter in N.Y. City and St. Luke's Hospital emergency room. She also did an Acupuncture Fellowship at Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan.

As an Acupuncturist, Marjorie draws from her knowledge of Esoteric, Kiiko Matsumoto, Chinese, Acupuncture Physical Medicine, dry trigger point needling and cranio-sacral therapy approaches to tailor each treatment to her client's needs. Marjorie is adept at healing the

physical and emotional body by removing blockages that release pain, restore calm and allow for deeper and finer frequencies of qi to flow. Visit Marjorie's web-site at www.acupunctureflow.com for more information.

Marjorie and her twin sister, Rose are both living in Sea Cliff. "We just love it here. It's such a quaint village, with such great community spirit. We're looking forward to being part of the town."



Marjorie Ruth O'Connor,
licensed acupuncturist.
Photo by Dan Maddock

Sea Cliff Village Calendar

Compiled by S.F. Collins

December 2012

- 1-Mutual Concerns 11th Annual Holiday House Tour-noon-4 p.m.
- 1-Holiday Boutique-Village Hall Room C-10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- 2-Annual Christmas Tree Lighting-John Burns Village Green-5 p.m.
- 4-National Honor Society Meeting-HS Café-6:30 p.m.
- 4-Middle School Winter Concert I-HS Theatre-7:30 p.m.
- 5-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
- 5-High School PTSA Holiday Tea-HS Café-3 p.m.
- 6-No Classes - Elementary School-Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- 6-High School Winter Concert I-HS Theatre-7:30 p.m.
- 8-Sea Cliff School Holiday Fair-10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- 9-Sea Cliff Arts Council-Artist's Reception-Kay Vickers-Adult Library-2-4 p.m.
- 10-Village Board Meeting-Village Hall Room A-8 p.m.
- 10-Athletic Booster Club-HS Café-7 p.m.
- 12-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
- 13-Hanukkah Happening-Fire House-7 to 8:30 p.m.
- 13-Board of Ed. Meeting-GWL School-8 p.m.
- 15-Gold Coast Lions Club Defensive Driving Course-Village Hall-9 a.m.
- 15-North Shore Community Chorus Concert-GWL School Theatre-8 p.m.
- 18-Middle School Winter Concert II-HS Theatre-7:30 p.m.
- 19-Sea Cliff School Winter Concert-SC School Theatre-7:30 p.m.
- 20-High School Winter Concert II-HS Theatre-7:30 p.m.
- 24-31-All District Schools Closed.
- 25-Christmas Dinner at the Methodist Church 12-2 p.m.

January 2013

- 2-All District Schools Reopen.
- 3-Board of Ed. Meeting-SC School-8 p.m.
- 7-Middle School PTA Meeting-HS Theatre-7 p.m.
- 8-High School PTSA Graduates Roundtable-HS Café-7:30 p.m.
- 9-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
- 9-Senior Action Meeting-Village Hall-9:30 a.m.
- 9-Sea Cliff School PCA-SC School Café-8:45 p.m.
- 11-Sea Cliff School Science Night-SC School Gym-7 p.m.
- 11-12-High School Senior Play-GWL Theatre-7:30 p.m.
- 14-Athletic Booster Club-HS Café-7 p.m.
- 14-SEPTA Meeting-HS Library-7:30 p.m.
- 14-Village Board Meeting-Village Hall Room A-8:00 p.m.
- 15-Volunteer Fair-Creative Arts Studio-256 Sea Cliff Avenue-1-3 p.m. & 7-8 p.m.
- 16-High School Open House-Grade 8 Students with Parents-HS Theatre-7 p.m.
- 16-Coalition for a Drug Free North Shore Meeting-Administration Office-10 a.m.
- 17-Board of Ed. Meeting-MS Cafeteria-8 p.m.
- 17-Arts Angels Meeting-PA Media Lab-7:45 p.m.
- 21-All District Schools Closed-MLK Day Observed
- 22-24-No High School Classes-Regents & HS Midterm Exams.
- 23-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
- 25-Sea Cliff School Cultural Arts Night-7 p.m.
- 29-High School Junior Parent College Night-HS Theatre-7:30 p.m.
- 31-Board of Ed. Meeting-MS Cafeteria-8 p.m.

February 2013

- 2-Middle School Musical-HS Theatre-7:30 p.m.
- 3-Middle School Musical-HS Theatre-2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
- 4-Middle School PTA Meeting-MS Libray-7 p.m.
- 5,6,7-Community Ed. Registration-HS Lobby-6:30-8:30 p.m.
- 6-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
- 8-JV Athletics Winter Awards-HS Café-3:15 p.m.
- 8-Sea Cliff School Bingo Night-SC Cafe-7 p.m.
- 11-Athletic Booster Club, HS Café-7 p.m.
- 11-SEPTA Meeting-HS Library-7:30 p.m.
- 11-Village Board Meeting-Village Hall Room A-8 p.m.
- 12-Arts Angels Meeting-PA Media Lab-7:45 p.m.
- 13-Coalition for a Drug Free NS Meeting-Administration Office-7 p.m.
- 14-Board of Ed. Meeting-MS Café-8 p.m.
- 18-22-All District Schools Closed.
- 22-Sea Cliff Beach Committee's 6th Annual Pub Crawl.
- 25-Community Ed. Classes Begin.
- 27-Village Justice Court-Village Hall Room A-7:30 p.m.
- 27-High School Sports Night-HS Gym-6:30 p.m.
- 28-Board of Ed. Meeting-GWL School-8 p.m.

Mutual Concerns Social and Lunch Program

Tuesdays and Fridays-St.Luke's-11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Golden Ring

Mondays-Sea Cliff Methodist Church-9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Thursdays-Town of Oyster Bay Comm. Center-Glen Head-1-4 p.m.

Village of Sea Cliff

Zoning Board-Meets last Tuesday of the month-Village Hall Room A-8 p.m.
Planning Board-Meets the second Wednesday of the month-Village Hall-8 p.m.
Architectural Review Board-Meets second and fourth Monday of the month
-Village Hall-8 p.m.

Children's Library
Summer 2012

by Ann DiPietro, Children's Library Coordinator
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays 10- 5
Thursdays 10-7; Saturdays 10-2

Wednesday	10:30 1:00 3:00	Story Time for 3 year-olds and up Story Time for 3 year-olds and up Pizza and Paperbacks for 1st graders
Thursday	8:15 a.m. 10:30 3:00	Bagels and Books discussion group for adults: Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7 Babies and ... informal program for infants and toddlers Tacos and Tales for 2nd and 3rd graders Novels and Nachos for 4th and 5th graders
Friday	10:30 1:00 3:00 3:45	Story Time for 4 and 5 year-olds Babies and... informal program for infants and toddlers Pizza and Picturebooks for Kindergarteners Legø Club for Kindergarteners & up

Introduction to "The Nutcracker" - Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m.
- beautiful music, graceful dancing and a great story - perfect for 3 to 90 year-olds!

American Doll Holiday Party - Thursday, Dec. 20 at 3 p.m.

Family Book Night - Thursdays, Jan. 10 and Feb. 7 at 6 p.m.

Animal Adaptation Workshop - Thursday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m.

Valentine's Day Gala - Thursday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m.
Programs require pre-registration.

Call 671-0420 or email scchildrenslibrary@gmail.com if you have questions about any of our programs or events, or to register.



Members of the American Doll Club hold their first ever meeting at the Sea Cliff Children's Library.
Photo by Ann Di Pietro



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